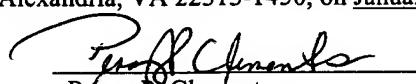




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2005, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.